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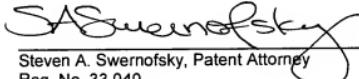
4. Specifically,  
The patent fails to include an amendment to the claims introduced by the Examiner's Amendment of January 9, 1998. Under this amendment, claim 20 was deleted and a new claim 20 was inserted. On the same date, the Notice of Allowability renumbered the claims, reslotting claim 20 as claim 1. As a result, claim 1 in the patent should read in accordance with claim 20 as amended by the examiner.

While the examiner deleted the old claim 20 entirely, he nevertheless noted in brackets language which did not survive his amendment. Please note that the bracketed language imprecisely represents the language of the eliminated claim. That claim included wording inserted by an Examiner's Amendment of March 7, 1995. By contrast, the brackets contain references only to the original version of claim 20 as offered by the Response to Office Action and Amendments of December 12, 1994.

In any event, the Examiner's Amendment of January 9, 1998 contains the entirety of the allowed claim 20, now renumbered as claim 1. True and correct copies of the Response to Office Action and Amendments of December 12, 1994; the Examiner's Amendment of March 7,

1995; and the Examiner's Amendment and the Notice of Allowability of January 9, 1998 are included.

Very Respectfully,

  
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~~are~~ hereby corrected as shown below:

In the claims, on page 24, replace claim 1 with the following:

1. A method for recording a plurality of data about a plurality of blocks of data stored in storage means comprising the steps of:

maintaining a means for recording multiple usage bits per block of said storage means;

storing, in said means for recording multiple usage bits per block, multiple bits for each of said plurality of said blocks of said storage means; and

reusing at least one of said plurality of blocks of data in response to at least one of said multiple usage bits.

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  - reusing at least one of said plurality of blocks of data in response to at least one of said multiple usage bits.

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